

(a) *Agents with average monthly sales of less than \$5,000.* Each agent with average monthly over-the-counter sales of less than \$5,000 (issue price) shall remit the proceeds of such sales no less often than once each month on a schedule established by the designated Federal Reserve Bank. The agent will be allowed two (2) business days to prepare the remittance; sales during those two (2) business days may be included in the following month's remittance. If an agent accumulates monthly over-the-counter sales of \$5,000 (issue price) or more prior to its scheduled remittance date, those sales proceeds shall be remitted within two (2) business days; the agent will also report on its normal reporting date.

(b) *Agents with average monthly sales of \$5,000 or more.* Each agent with average monthly over-the-counter sales of \$5,000 (issue price) or more shall remit the proceeds of such sales no less often than once a week on a schedule established by the designated Federal Reserve Bank. The agent will be allowed two (2) business days to prepare the remittance; sales during those two (2) business days may be included in the following week's remittance. At the end of each calendar month, the agent shall remit within two (2) business days all remaining sales made during that calendar month, even though the last business day of the month may not coincide with the established reporting date.

Subpart C—Remittance of Payroll Sales Proceeds

1. *Application of requirements.* The remittance requirements on payroll sales apply to the agent that issues the bonds. That agent may be either (a) an employer organization that maintains a payroll savings plan, or (b) a financial institution that services an employer organization. An organization that maintains a payroll savings plan but does not issue bonds should be notified by the servicing issuing agent that it must remit sales proceeds to the agent in sufficient time to permit compliance with the requirements.

2. *Remittance of payroll sales deductions.* Payroll agents shall remit sales proceeds throughout the month shown in the issue date as soon as the full amount of the purchase price of the bonds has been received or accumulated. In no case should such proceeds be remitted later than the second business day of the month following the month shown in the issue date. The agent shall ensure that its system properly accounts for and recognizes when the full purchase price is received, or is accumulated, so that timely remittance is made. The agent shall transmit registration records, on paper or on magnetic tape, within thirty (30) days following the month shown on the issue date.

Subpart D—Interest on Late Remittances

1. *Rate of Interest.* Interest will be assessed for each day's delay in the remittance of sales proceeds, based on the actual date of remittance. The rate of interest to be used will be the current value of funds to the Department of the Treasury, as set forth each quarter in the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual. The rate applied will be that in effect during the entire period in which the remittance is late. The interest assessment will be collected by the designated Federal Reserve Bank.

2. *Waiver.* Interest will be waived in the situations described below as well as in any specific case where, in the judgment of the Commissioner of the Public Debt, the circumstances warrant such action. The Commissioner's decision on any waiver action shall be final.

(a) *Bonds inscribed by issuing agent.—(i) Payroll or book-entry issues.* If, during any three (3) month period, the interest assessed on an agent's late remittance of payroll or book entry sales proceeds accumulates to less than \$50 for each type of sales, the interest assessed for the first month will be waived. The interest assessed for each type of sales for the remaining two (2) months will then be carried forward to the next period of three (3) consecutive months.

(ii) *Over-the-counter issues.* The interest assessed on an agent's late remittance of over-the-counter sales proceeds transmitted during a given month will be waived if it is less than \$50.

(b) *Bonds inscribed by the designated Federal Reserve Bank.* The interest assessed on late remittance of over-the-counter sales proceeds transmitted by a financial institution's parent and branch offices during a given month will be waived if it is less than \$25. The interest assessed on late remittances of payroll or book-entry sales proceeds transmitted by a financial institution or employer during a given month will be waived if it is less than \$25.

(c) *Suspension of waiver.* The Commissioner may suspend the application of the waiver in the case of any agent that consistently fails to meet the remittance requirements.

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§ 317.9 Role of Federal Reserve Banks.

(a) *Role as fiscal agents.* In their capacity as fiscal agents of the United States, the Federal Reserve Banks referred to below are authorized to perform such duties, including the issuance of instructions and forms, as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes and requirements of these regulations.

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(b)(1) The following Federal Reserve Offices have been designated to provide savings bond services:

Servicing office	Reserve districts served	Geographic area served
Federal Reserve Bank, Buffalo Branch, P.O. Box 961, Buffalo, NY 14240.	New York, Boston	CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ (northern half), NY (City & State), RI, VT, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands.
Federal Reserve Bank, Pittsburgh Branch, P.O. Box 867, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.	Cleveland, Philadelphia.	DE, KY (eastern half), NJ (southern half), OH, PA, WV (northern panhandle).
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261.	Richmond, Atlanta	AL, DC, FL, LA (southern half), MD, MS (southern half), NC, SC, TN (eastern half), VA, WV, (except northern panhandle).
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 250 Marquette Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55480.	Minneapolis, Chicago.	IA, IL (northern half), IN (northern half), MN, MT, ND, SD, WI.
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64198.	Dallas, San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Louis.	AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, IL (southern half), IN (southern half), KS, KY (western half), LA (northern half), MO, MS (northern half), NE, NM, NV, OK, OR, TN (western half), TX, WA, WY, UT and GU.

(2) Until March 1, 1996, other Federal Reserve Offices may continue to provide some savings bond services, but such services will be phased out over the period prior to that date.

(c) *Specific activities of designated Federal Reserve Banks.* The specific activities of designated Federal Reserve Banks include:

- (1) Qualifying issuing agents;
- (2) Supplying agents with bond stock, maintaining records of agent accountability, and monitoring compliance with stock consignment rules;
- (3) Instructing agents regarding the sale and issue of bonds, the custody and control of bond stock, and the accounting for and remittance of sales proceeds; and
- (4) Providing guidelines covering the amount of bond stock agents may ordinarily requisition and maintain.

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§ 317.10 Reservation.

The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, supplement or amend the terms of these regulations.

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